

REMARKS

The Examiner noted that no information disclosure statement was submitted; however, the applicant believes the Examiner adequately determined references as listed on form PTO-892.

The claims as amended and the one new claim above to not represent new matter. New claim 13 is a composite of selected aspects of now canceled claims 8-12 along with the concept of one or more hook and loop fasteners, i.e. Velco straps or an appropriate substitute, that appears on page 4, line 11.

Claims 5, 6, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph). These claims have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Young, USPN 6,131,759. These claims have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cross, USPN 4,312,531. These claims have been canceled.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young, USPN 6,131,759, in view of Pravettone, USPN 4,357,728. This claim has been canceled.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young, USPN 6,131,759, in view of Mensch, USPN 6,915,921. This claim has been canceled.

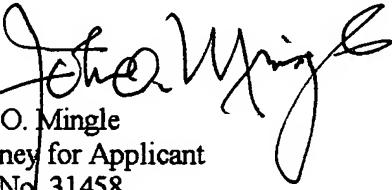
As suggested by the Examiner, claims 10 and 12 are amended to include the needed requirements of the previous Claims 8 and 9, (both now canceled). Therefore these should now be allowable.

New claim 13 is now a composite similar to claims 10 and 12; however the series of hook and loop fasteners as previous mentioned, incorrectly as Velcro in the claim, is one of series in a Markush-type claim. However, The Examiner rejected this under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Young, USPN 6,131,759. Young does not mention anything about hook and loop fasteners, since Young mentions only injection molding for this purpose (column 4, lines 49-54). Therefore the Young rejection does not anticipate Claim 13 and it should be allowable.

CLOSURE AND SIGNATURE

In view of the above, each of the active claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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